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THE SLIME HAS COME

Whose fault is it anyway: BBMP and BWSSB point at each other

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Residents of Horamavu and surrounding areas have been increasingly worried that the Horamavu Agara Lake that was rejuvenated just a few years ago at an estimated cost of Rs 4 crore is slipping back into the dark side rapidly. The residents have called on the authorities concerned to take measures to preserve the lake without any delay.

The residents said that when the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes Department took up the rejuvenation of the lake two years ago, it was a matter of great joy for them. They said that they expected the water in the lake would remain clean from then on, but that was not to be. They said that the condition is deteriorating, but if the authorities fix the problem now, the lake can be saved.

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"The condition of the lake is becoming worse day by day due to sewage entering the lake. The authorities must solve this problem immediately," said Kochu Shankar, a lake activist.

Expressing concern over the deteriorating condition of the lake, V Subramanyeswara Rao, a resident of Horamavu, said the authorities have to stop sewage flowing into the lake. "The lake was rejuvenated hardly two years ago with taxpayers' money. The BBMP spent more than Rs 4 crore for the rejuvenation of the lake. The purpose of spending such a huge amount will not be served if the authorities fail to stop sewage

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— V Subramanyeswara Rao, Horamavu resident

On the wild side

Plans to open wildlife hospital at Bannerghatta National Park at Rs 8-crore budget

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The Forest Department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is all set to open its first-ever wildlife hospital in the city. The multi-storey hospital building at Bannerghatta National Park will be constructed in 2025 at a total cost of Rs 8 crore.

The hospital with the latest technological advances in veterinary science will treat non-domesticated animals only.

"The infrastructure will be only for wildlife and their treatment. Bengaluru hosts a variety of wildlife such as snakes, monkeys, mongoose, birds, etc. These animals, more often than not, are involved in road accidents. The facility will treat these animals," said BLG Swamy, Deputy Conservator of Forest, BBMP.

According to BBMP, while there are non-governmental organisations operating hospitals to treat wildlife, they are overflowing with patients. The BBMP's upcoming hospital will plug that gap. Forest Department officials say they are flooded with calls to rescue injured birds, monkeys, small mammals, and snakes from across the city.

"There are NGOs in the city treating injured animals and birds, but there is a requirement for more and thus the department has decided to come up with a treatment facility. The number of calls about injured wildlife has been increasing every

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THINGS TO DO

01 New Year's Eve bash

Hosts the Anti-Resolution Party – The NYE Bash You Can't Miss. Forget promises and resolutions; bring your mischief, as SOCIAL has lined up the perfect entertainment to keep the party going into the new year. It's the perfect blend of New Year's excitement with a rebellious twist.
Where: All SOCIAL outlets; When: December 31, 7 pm onwards

02 Solo dance

Marghazhi @ Medai presents 'Vydehi - The Life of Maatha Seetha,' a solo thematic production by Acharya Raksha Karthik. **Where: Medai, Koramangala; When: January 5**

03 Electrifying beats

Boogie into 2025 with a bang at Ironhill India with the electrifying beats of renowned DJs JOY and Zink as you indulge in unlimited delicious food and craft brews.
Where: Ironhill Marathahalli
When: December 31, 8 pm onwards

04 Heal with music

Music Based Wellness Workshop by Sunitha, Ketki & Siva- a fun, reflective musical program designed to spark self-discovery and celebration.
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
When: December 29, 4 pm

05 Delicious treats

Bid farewell to 2024 and step into 2025 with a celebration like no other at LimeLight with an evening filled with live entertainment, delicious feasts and festive vibes that will leave you captivated. **Where: LimeLight Emporium, Hotel Royal Orchid; When: December 31, 7 pm onwards**

141 private schools shut in last 5 years

Education department's new regulations, lack of upgrades in older schools, rising costs for salaries, management, make it difficult to run schools: Educationists

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'Currently, Bengaluru South has 3,351 schools, of which 2,064 are private, while Bengaluru North has 2,400 schools, with 1,952 private schools'

The educational landscape in Bengaluru has seen significant changes during the last five years. Many new private schools in Bengaluru, which have emerged in recent years, are struggling to remain operational, with nearly half of them shutting their doors.

It was noted that in Bengaluru South, 85 new schools were opened, but 56 of them have closed down. Similarly, Bengaluru North witnessed the establishment of 255 new schools, with 75 eventually shutting down. In total, 330 schools were opened across both regions, but 141 of them have closed, highlighting the challenges faced by private educational institutions in the city. Amid reports of government schools shutting down, the closure of private schools has raised concerns about the reliability and sustainability of private education institutions in the city.

However, despite the closure of many institutions, the Department of Education received 519 new applications for the 2023-24 academic year, with 93 of these requests from Bengaluru South and North. Some entrepreneurs starting new schools have been forced to sell their institutions due to competition and lack of resources. Currently, Bengaluru South has 3,351 schools, of which 2,064 are private, while Bengaluru North has 2,400 schools, with 1,952 private schools.

Reasons for closures

Reacting to this trend, D Shashi Kumar, general secretary of the Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools (KAMS) said, "The new education department regulations have made it extremely difficult to run schools. Schools that started with loans are now up for sale. Parents are no longer enrolling their children in smaller schools, and these challenges are leading to closures."

According to an educationist in a metropolitan area like Bengaluru, meeting regulatory requirements for building private schools requires a minimum investment of Rs 20-25 crore. "The lack of necessary upgrades to older schools and the rising costs of teacher salaries and school management have made it increasingly difficult for smaller institutions to survive, according to the owners of private schools. Bengaluru's educational landscape continues to thrive, especially in urban areas, where parents prefer to send their children to study in the city. With the availability of high-quality education and competitive coaching centers for entrance exams, many parents from outside the city and state are also enrolling their children in Bengaluru's schools," the educationist said.

> **"New regulations have made it very difficult to run schools. Parents no longer enrol their wards in smaller schools** – D Shashi Kumar, KAMS general secretary

Fewer private schools open up in rural areas

However, in rural areas, private schools are facing a decline, with only 65 schools started over the last five years and 11 schools closing down. Private school owners in rural regions report that most parents prefer to send their children to government schools, leading to slower growth for private institutions. "The education department's new regulations have made it even more difficult to run schools. Many institutions that took out loans to establish their schools are now forced to sell them. Smaller schools are facing difficulties attracting students, contributing to the closures," a school principal added.

Social media tears up over delivery agent's onion request

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A city resident recently shared an unusual encounter on social media about a delivery executive, who requested an onion instead of a customary tip after completing a grocery delivery. This peculiar request generated significant interest online.

A recent Reddit post titled "Instamart delivery guy asked for onion (Bangalore)" has gained over 1,100 upvotes and multiple responses. Social media users engaged in discussions about this request.

The user @yashwantptl7 first wrote that he had placed a grocery order after discussing requirements with his spouse. The delivery person arrived punctually at their doorstep. According to the resident, the delivery person enquired, "Sir, can I get an onion?" When asked about the reason, the delivery person simply stated he wanted to consume it. The resident complied with the request. Subsequently, the resident's wife suggested that the delivery person might be collecting onions from various deliveries due to its current high cost.

The community responded with various perspectives. One participant noted, "Poor guys eat roti with onion, can't afford vegetables." Another commented on potential scenarios: "Either he was struggling financially so asked for it to eat with roti or he was in a good mood for Sunday evening and will have it with chicken and old monk or maybe, he found someone needy somewhere and give it to them we will never know."

Additional responses included observations about India's agricultural production and onion prices. Some suggested alternative responses, such as offering complete meals or additional condiments.

Severely low wages

A recent research, previously reported by Bangalore Mirror, indicates that more than 43% of app-based workers' daily earnings fall below Rs 500, resulting in monthly earnings of Rs 15,000 after expenses. The findings show that 34% of delivery workers receive less than Rs 10,000 monthly, whilst 78% work in excess of 10 hours each day.

The research, jointly undertaken by the People's Association in Grassroots Action and Movements and the Indian Federation of App-based Transport Workers, surveyed 5,302 cab drivers and 5,028 delivery personnel across eight cities. The findings revealed caste-based disparities in gig work, with over 16% of unreserved category drivers working beyond 14 hours, compared to 60% of drivers from Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

> **"More than 43% of app-based gig workers' daily earnings fall below Rs 500, resulting in monthly earnings of Rs 15,000 after expenses** – Research

The report highlighted caste-based differences, stating: "These income disparities further exacerbate the already existing social inequalities and perpetuate cycles of poverty and distress within these communities."

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‘One-way’ routes set to manage NYE foot traffic

City prepares for New Year’s Eve with strict traffic restrictions, public transport push, and zero tolerance for reckless and drunk driving

“Traffic expected near MG Road during celebrations, public urged to use public transport”

Bengaluru will introduce ‘one-way’ pedestrian routes on December 31, as part of the New Year celebrations. Due to the anticipated crowds, pedestrians will only be allowed to walk in one direction on Brigade Road, from MG Road Junction towards Opera Junction. Walking in the opposite direction will be prohibited. Those who need to return to MG Road can do so via the Residency Road-Residency Cross Road (Shankarnag Cinema) route.

Traffic restrictions and vehicle parking uidelines

Police said that with large gatherings expected across Bengaluru at popular locations like MG Road, Brigade Road, Koramangala, Indiranagar, and the 100ft Road, there will be several traffic restrictions in place to ensure public safety. To facilitate smooth traffic flow, vehicle owners who have parked on MG Road, Brigade Road, Rest House Road, Church Street, Residency Road, and St Marks Road must vacate their vehicles by 4:00 pm on December 31. Failure to comply will result in prosecution. Vehicles parked in prohibited areas or those obstructing traffic will also be towed.

Zero tolerance for drink & drive and narcotic use

A police official said, “There will be a strict zero-tolerance policy for drunk driving and driving under the influence of narcotic substances. The police will conduct special drives throughout the night, setting up checkposts at key locations across the city. The initiative aims to ensure safety and prevent any untoward incidents.”

Strict action against reckless driving and illegal racing

Police said that motorcyclists driving recklessly, speeding, or engaging in dangerous activities like wheelies or drag racing will face strict legal action. These actions cause significant inconvenience and pose risks to public safety. The public is urged to report such incidents to the police helpline number 112 to prevent further disruption.

Public transport encouraged for celebrations

“With road congestion expected near MG Road and Brigade Road during the celebrations, the public is strongly encouraged to use public transport to reach these areas. This will help ease the pressure on the roads and ensure a smoother experience for everyone attending the festivities,” police added.

Diversions to manage traffic flow

To prevent heavy goods vehicles from entering the Central Business District (CBD) during peak hours, traffic diversions will be implemented from 8:00 pm on December 31 to 6:00 am on January 1, 2025. Key locations affected by the diversions include Old Udaya TV Junction (Cantonment), Khoday’s Junction, Townhall.

New Year security: Cops, drones, CCTV

As the countdown begins or the New Year revelry, city police have made special arrangements to prevent any untoward incidents across the city by deploying appropriate security measures. Key locations for public celebrations, such as MG Road, Brigade Road, Residency Road, St Marks Road, Cubbon Park, Trinity Circle, Phoenix Mall, Koramangala, Indiranagar 100 Feet Road, major star hotels, pubs, and clubs, will see heavy public presence, and appropriate crowd control measures, including picketing points, have been arranged.

In the central division, covering Brigade Road, MG Road, Opera Junction, Richmond Road, and Residency Road, a total of 2,572 police officers and personnel, including 5 DCPs (Deputy Commissioner of Police), 18 ACPs (Assistant Commissioner of Police), and 41 police inspectors, will be deployed to ensure safety. Women’s safety is also a priority, with Women Safety Islands set up in key locations, and female police officers and personnel will be present to assist. Bengaluru City police commissioner B Dayanand said, “Police

kiosks have been set up in crowded areas, where people can report missing children, thefts, or emergencies. Observation towers with binoculars have been established in high-traffic areas for surveillance, with 817 personnel assigned to monitor public safety.

Due to past crowding incidents at the MG Road metro station entry through this station will be restricted between 11:00 pm and 2:00 am. Instead, passengers can exit via Trinity Circle or Cubbon Park metro stations. Additional security measures will be in place at other key locations, including Phoenix Mall, Orion Mall, Koramangala, Indiranagar, Marathahalli, and HRBR Layout, with 2,414 officers and staff deployed across these areas.”

CCTV cameras will be installed at major locations, with night-time drone surveillance for additional monitoring. The city’s major areas will also be thoroughly checked by the canine unit and AS check teams to ensure no illegal activities occur. “Regarding drug-related activities, the city’s DCPs and CCB (Central Crime Branch) officers have conducted special operations, arresting 73 individuals, including three foreign drug dealers, and confiscating 220.501 kg of drugs worth Rs 25.20 crore. In preparation for the New Year celebrations, club, pub, and restaurant owners have been instructed to distribute passes within specified limits to avoid overcrowding. Public New Year celebrations will be allowed until 1:00 am with government permission, and activities must conclude within the stipulated time. Traffic police will also be deployed to assist in maintaining smooth traffic flow,” he said.

Flyovers to be barred

To further ensure security, vehicle movement will be restricted on flyovers across the city. Authorities have also issued warnings about unauthorised rave parties and drug use in the outskirts of Bangalore, and strict legal actions will be taken against those involved.

Trains till 2 am

BMRCL (Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited) said that the Metro trains on both purple and green lines will be available till 2 am on January 1, 2025, from all terminal stations, with the final train from Namma Prabhu Kempegowda Metro Station (Majestic) leaving at 2:40 am for all four directions. However, due to anticipated crowding, the entrances and exits at MG Road Metro Station will be closed from 11:00 pm on December 31. Passengers travelling from Trinity or Cubbon Park Metro Stations after 11 pm are advised to purchase a ₹50 return journey paper ticket. These tickets will be available for advance purchase from 8 am on December 31, 2024, at all metro stations.

Celebrate New Year safely: Dos and don’ts

Dos

- Celebrations should only take place in authorised locations
- In case of an emergency, contact 112 or the nearest police station/ police kiosk.
- Ensure the safety and security of those around you during the celebrations.
- Celebrate the New Year in well-lit areas.
- The public should be extra cautious in crowded places.
- Women and children should avoid wearing expensive jewellery in public places
- When travelling in autos or cabs, ensure they are authorised.
- Travel only on roads as directed by the police.

Don’ts

- Do not drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, as it is illegal and can cause harm.
- Do not burst fireworks to avoid causing environmental pollution.
- Avoid honking unnecessarily and refrain from using loudspeakers.
- Do not drive recklessly, at high speed, or carelessly.
- Do not organise any events without permission
- Do not enter unrestricted areas or regions.
- Drinking alcohol or smoking in public places is illegal.
- Do not attempt to bypass police barricades.
- Do not engage in making prank calls to emergency services.
- Do not stop unnecessarily in the middle of the road or form groups.
- Do not engage in arguments or disputes with the public or strangers unnecessarily.
- Do not wear artificial or distorted masks to disturb others during the celebrations.

Daylight gold theft cases cracked in record time

Chikkajala police recover stolen gold valuables worth Rs 15 lakh from 3 separate cases; 2 minors among multiple accused arrested

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The Chikkajala Police have made swift arrests in cases of daylight gold chain snatching, a high-profile resort room theft, and a string of serial robberies across the city. The police solved the cases swiftly and recovered stolen goods worth Rs 15 lakh from the said cases.

File photo of seized gold valuables

CRIME FILES

3 arrested for snatching gold chain in daylight

In a daring daylight theft, a 120-gram gold mangalya chain worth Rs 9.50 lakh was snatched from a homeowner while he was engaged in chores within his compound. The Chikkajala Police apprehended three suspects connected to the theft and seized a two-wheeler used in the crime.

The incident occurred on December 15 at Tarabanahalli. The complainant, Oyadudar, reported that while filling a bag with millet in his compound, three unknown individuals arrived on a bike. Two of them entered the compound without permission. When questioned, they forcibly entered the house, threatened him at knifepoint, and ran away with the 120-gram gold mangalya chain.

During the investigation, police tracked the suspects to the main road near Chennasandra, Narayanahalli village, on December 19. Upon interrogation, all accused confessed to the crime. One accused was produced in court and remanded to four days of police custody. The other two, being juveniles, were sent to the Children's Government Boys' Observatory in Devanahalli. The main accused has been remanded to judicial custody. Investigations are ongoing.

Resort room theft

In another operation, the Chikkajala Police have cracked a theft case involving 53 grams of gold jewelry and a watch, valued at Rs 3.10 lakh, stolen from a resort near Sandahalli Gate. The incident, reported on December 14, was solved within 48 hours.

The complainant, a cluster business head at a life insurance company, who attended a company meeting at the resort on December 12, left his valuables (50-gram gold mangalya chain, two gold rings weighing 8 grams, and a watch) behind in his booked room while in the rush to vacate the room the next day. Upon returning, he discovered the items missing. Following the complaint, after interrogation, on December 15, a room boy at the resort confessed to stealing the items. He revealed that he had hidden the gold jewelry and the watch in the resort's linen room. The police recovered the stolen items. The accused was issued a notice and released after providing a statement.

2 serial chain snatchers apprehended

In a swift investigation, Sampigehalli Police apprehended two individuals involved in snatching a gold mangalya chain from a woman walking along the main road of Agrahara barangay on November 22.

A case was promptly registered at Sampigehalli Police Station. On December 3, the suspects were detained on Saraipalya Main Road. During interrogation, they confessed to another chain-snatching incident within Sanjay Nagar police limits along with the one in the case. Following their confession, police searched the residence of one of the accused and recovered two stolen mangalya chains weighing 47 grams in total, along with the two-wheeler used in the crimes. The combined value of the seized items is estimated at Rs 3 lakh. Both accused were remanded to police custody for three days. After further interrogation, evidence linked the duo to serial chain-snatching cases across different jurisdictions. On December 6, the accused were once again produced in court and sent to judicial custody.

CID submits 2,841 pages chargesheet against Muniratna

The Criminal Investigation Department Special Investigation Team has filed a chargesheet in the city's special court against BJP MLA Muniratna. The chargesheet confirms that he is implicated in rape, honeytrap, and HIV transmission, with accusations supported by 146 witness statements and over 850 documents.

The charges against him include spreading AIDS through honeytrapping, where HIV-infected individuals were allegedly used to target his political opponents. The charges also extend to three others, including Inspector B Aaiyyanna Reddy, who was arrested in connection with aiding the crime.

The chargesheet, spanning 2,481 pages, outlines multiple serious offences, including repeated rape (IPC 376(2)N), spreading dangerous disease (IPC 270), 354 C for voyeurism of the Indian Penal Code, 66e of Information Technology Act, 2000, and capturing obscene images without consent. Muniratna and his associates also face charges under various sections for sexual harassment and criminal conspiracy.

The case investigation began after a woman filed a complaint on September 18, accusing seven individuals, including Muniratna, of rape. **–BMB**

5 most broken New Year resolutions

Making resolutions is one of the most popular new year's traditions. Every year, more than half of the world's population makes some form of resolution, but studies show that almost 80% of New Year's resolutions are abandoned by the end of the month. Here are some New Year's resolutions that haven't been kept:

Lose Weight: When it comes to the most broken New Year's resolutions, this one takes the cake.

Quit Smoking: This resolution has a lower success rate, with people returning to smoking after a few days, starting with one or two and then increasing to the typical numbers.

Eat Healthier: Sounds good, but who can resist a New Year's Eve gala dinner with friends and family?

Save Money: According to a study, roughly 49% of people achieve this goal. That's not awful!

A New Interest: You narrow down a passion after perusing the internet, but once the holidays are over, you find yourself with little time for it. Sigh. **–Femina**

Mahadevapura's four lakes gear up for clean makeover

Lakes in Kithaganur, Baiyyappanahalli, Nimbekaipura, and Bommenahalli are being rejuvenated, with completion expected by next year; project focuses on improving water table and ecosystem

Rejuvenation and development underway at Kithaganur Lake and Nimbekaipura lake

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Water bodies around the villages of Kithaganur, Baiyyappanahalli, Nimbekaipura, and Bommenahalli are being rejuvenated and developed. If the project progresses as planned, the lakes in these areas will have clean water by next year.

Perhaps it is for the first time that four water bodies (Kithaganur Lake, Baiyyappanahalli Lake, Nimbekaipura Lake and Bommenahalli Lake) are being developed simultaneously. All these lakes are in the Mahadevapura Assembly constituency. United Way Bengaluru, in association with local bodies, has taken up the rejuvenation of these water bodies under the corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative. These water bodies are reported to have lacked any developmental work over the past decade.

K Radhakrishna Pradeep, Lead, Environment Project, United Way Bengaluru said the rejuvenation of Kithaganur Lake was taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 3 crore and Bayappanahalli Lake is being rejuvenated at an estimated cost of Rs 1.30 crore and there is a plan of investing Rs 70 lakh next year. "The developmental works at Bommenahalli Lake were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 1.70 crore. Nimbekaipura Lake is being developed with Rs 1.10 crore this year and there is a plan of allocating Rs 60 lakh next year," said Radhakrishna Pradeep.

He said the purpose of rejuvenation of water bodies is to protect them with public coordination. "We have taken up the rejuvenation of these water bodies in coordination with local authorities. We commenced the rejuvenation of Kithaganur Lake in June. We are planning to plant thousands of native species in these water bodies. We will take up the maintenance of the saplings for two years," he said.

> **"Encroachment of Baiyyappanahalli Lake is cleared. The survey of Kithaganur Lake will be held next week to fix boundaries**
> – Dhananjay S, JSTF

Appreciating those responsible for the rejuvenation of water bodies, Dhananjay S, Vice Chairman of Jal Shakti Task Force, said that measures were taken to clear encroachment of lake land. "Encroachment of Baiyyappanahalli Lake is cleared. The survey of Kithaganur Lake will be held next week to fix the boundaries of the lake," said Dhananjay.

Lingaraj Urs, Convener of Mahadevapura Task Force said that the lakes are being developed to improve the water table substantially and also to maintain the ecosystem of the area. "Lakes are our lifeline. The Mahadevapura Task Force is committed to protecting and maintaining them for posterity," Lingaraj Urs said.

Welcoming the rejuvenation of lakes, KV Nagaraj from KR Puram said the rejuvenation of lakes will be a great help for people residing in the vicinity. "Rejuvenation of lakes not only protects the environment but also ensures water bodies free from pollution and garbage. I want to thank all those responsible for the rejuvenation of these water bodies," he said. Meanwhile, Kithaganur Panchayat Development Officer Narmada said that arrangements were made to fix the boundaries of these lakes. "We are planning to survey these water bodies and clear encroachments," the PDO said.

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Parking crisis

JC Road

Despite a no-parking rule on JC Road, heavy trucks are parked there throughout the day. Traffic officers visit regularly, but no action is taken to clear the road.

Road resurfacing

AGB Layout

The roads in AGB Layout, especially on Hesaraghatta Main Road, remain in poor condition after authorities dug them up three years ago for Cauvery water pipes. They urgently need resurfacing.

Missing cover

Basavanagudi

A missing utility duct cover opposite the BSNL Office on Bull Temple Road in Basavanagudi presents a significant hazard to pedestrians.

Animal welfare workers hope the project will take off

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day. Apart from animals getting injured in road accidents, we also receive calls about birds injured due to kite strings, dehydration, and electrocution. This number is increasing every day," said a BBMP official.

Shortage of hospitals

Experts say as Bengaluru continues to expand, cases of injured wild animals and birds have gone up. Given the current scenario, BBMP's hospital will prove to be the much-needed respite for animal rescuers and animal welfare workers in the city, once the plan materialises.

"There is a shortage of good hospitals in the city to treat injured wildlife and thus it is a welcome step. However, the civic agency announced a rescue centre for animals at BBP (Bannerghatta Biological Park) a year ago and the project has not taken off yet. BBMP must ensure that this project takes off," said a city-based animal welfare worker. Notably, BBMP had also come up with a plan to set up a wildlife rescue-cum-rehabilitation centre in association with BBP and city-based NGOs. The plan was to effectively manage increasing cases of wildlife rescue calls from various parts of the city. The centre, with a capacity to rescue and rehabilitate at least 30 animals, and birds, was proposed to be located at BBP and managed by BBP officials along with veterinarians from NGOs such as the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC).

The decision to create the centre was taken after noticing an increase in the number of wildlife rescue calls from various parts of the city.

University appoints trans guest lecturer

With her appointment to Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University, 27-year-old K N Renuka Pujar has likely become the first transgender person to be appointed as a guest lecturer at a university in Karnataka. Pujar, who completed her post-graduation in Kannada at the University, joined its Kannada department at the Nandihalli campus (PG centre) earlier this month as a guest lecturer, varsity officials said.

"I'm very happy. After a lot of struggle, I have reached this stage. The university has helped me a lot. I completed my degree in 2018 and became transgender in 2017 when I was in my second year. I completed my MA in 2022 and am working as a guest lecturer," the resident of Kurugodu in Ballari district, said.

She stated that she eceived support from her parents, which helped her reach this stage. According to university officials, out of the thirty candidates who applied for the post, she had the necessary qualifications and good marks, and she performed well in the lecture, which led to her selection by the committee. **— PTI**

THE SUNDAY READ

Eye on the tiger

In 2024, K'taka lost 13 tigers, but experts say numbers may not be telling the whole story

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As many as 13 tiger deaths have been reported in Karnataka in 2024. According to the latest statistics, 124 tiger mortalities were reported this year from 13 states nationwide.

The highest number of deaths (45) this year have been recorded in Madhya Pradesh, followed by 18 in Maharashtra.

Over the last four years, Karnataka has lost 58 tigers. In 2023, total tiger mortality in Karnataka was 12, whereas in 2022, 18 tiger deaths were reported by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). In 2021 15 tiger deaths were recorded. Out of 13 mortalities reported in Karnataka this year, 12 were adult tigers and one was cub.

Out of 13 deaths, 11 were reported between January and June; only two deaths have been reported over the last six months.

"On average, the number of tiger deaths in a year, as per NTCA, has been hovering around the same number. Moreover, the majority of the deaths take place in the first few months due to territorial fights," said a city-based conservationist.

Unreported deaths

However, experts say the number projected by NTCA is downplayed and unreported. Moreover, the agency must consider the number of tigers that are being captured as well.

"Some cases of tiger deaths are surely going unreported due to various reasons. Poor on-foot patrolling is one of the main causes leading to unreported mortality cases. The forest department should strengthen the team of forest guards and watchers. NTCA should also include the number of tigers that are being captured and removed from their natural habitat," said Joseph Hoover, former State Board of Wildlife member and founder of the United Conservation Movement and Charitable Trust.

> **"Poor on-foot patrolling is one of the main causes leading to unreported deaths. The forest dept should strengthen the team of forest guards, watchers**
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> **–Joseph Hoover, United Conservation Movement and Charitable Trust**

Monitoring system

Experts underline that the Monitoring System for Tigers: Intensive Protection and Ecological Status (MSTrIPES) platform by NTCA can be used more effectively. The platform modern technology to assist forest watchers and guards in effective patrolling, assesses ecological status, and mitigates human-wildlife conflict in and around tiger reserves.

MSTrIPES uses Global Positioning System (GPS), General Packet Radio Services (GPRS), and remote sensing; to collect information from the field, create a database using modern Information Technology (IT) based tools, analyse the information using GIS and statistical tools to provide inferences that allow tiger reserve managers to better manage their wildlife resources.

Conservationists say, the application, if used effectively, can help in better patrolling and timely discoveries of dead animals.

"In many cases, the carcass of elephants goes unnoticed for several months. The patrol module of the programme maintains a spatial database of patrol track logs, crime scenes with geo-tagged photographs, and important observations made by field staff while on different types of patrol duties," said a wildlife conservationist.

Swimming in these areas is strictly prohibited

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Tourists visiting the coastal areas of Uttara Kannada district will no longer be allowed to swim freely across all beaches. The Tourism Department is in the process of marking designated swimming areas and restricted zones to ensure safety. The department is conducting a survey to identify the areas where swimming is permitted and where it is prohibited, and will place flags and buoys to demarcate these zones.

Survey of coastal areas

An official said, "In response to recent incidents of drownings, particularly in Muradeshwar, the department is taking steps to designate areas for swimming, water sports, and areas where swimming is banned. The beaches that experience heavy tourist traffic have already been surveyed, and proper demarcation will be implemented. The department plans to create safe zones where specific activities can be carried out."

Challenges along the coast

The coastal stretches of Karwar, Gokarna, and Muradeshwar are long, making it difficult to monitor all areas effectively. Water sports and swimming occurring in the same location could lead to confusion. To address this, the department is working on a system that will ensure tourists do not venture into dangerous areas, and lifeguards will be present to ensure safety.

Gokarna's Om beach

"At Gokarna's Om Beach, designated swimming zones and no-swim zones will be marked on maps. The department has decided to outsource lifeguard services and equipment to ensure safety. Of the 44 beaches in the district, the top 10 beaches with the highest tourist traffic will have lifeguard services. A tender for outsourcing lifeguard services will be issued in two weeks. Preference will be given to appointing the current lifeguard staff," said Jayant HV, Deputy Director of the Tourism Department.

Tourism management

As part of a series titled 'Challenges of the Coastal Areas,' Jayant shared that surveys are being conducted at the top 10 beaches in the district. Buoys will be placed near swimming areas, and no one will be allowed beyond those boundaries. Lifeguards too will stop anyone trying to cross the safety limits. This kind of system is already in place in several foreign countries, he explained. "The department has also decided to form local beach management committees at each beach where tourism activities are ongoing. There are currently 10 'Tourism Friends' on the beaches, and the government has been requested to appoint 50 more to assist with guidance. Efforts are underway to bring all tourism activities under a more organised system," Jayant added.

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All aboard e-express: B'luru Division trains go fully electric

With electrification work complete on Hassan & Chikkaballapur routes, South Western Railway achieves 100% electrification of its rail tracks in B'luru Division

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The Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) has achieved full electrification of its broad-gauge railway tracks, marking a significant milestone in the region's railway infrastructure. Following the completion of electrification work on the Hassan and Chikkaballapur routes, 11 trains that were previously diesel-powered DEMUs (Diesel Electrical Multiple Unit) will now operate as MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) trains.

The Bengaluru Division encompasses 1,138 kilometres of railway tracks, of which 971 kilometres are in Karnataka, 173 kilometres in Tamil Nadu, and 172 kilometres are in Andhra Pradesh. Last year, the division successfully conducted a trial run at 110 km/h on the Hassan–Hirisave section, completing its electrification connectivity. However, the Chikkaballapur–Kolar section was pending traction sub-station work near Chintamani to supply power to the tracks. This work has now been completed, allowing MEMU trains to operate between Bengaluru, Kolar, and Hassan.

Diesel trains are still necessary in certain areas

Despite full electrification within the division, diesel-powered DEMU trains remain essential on some routes, especially towards Hubballi and Shivamogga, where electrification beyond Shivamogga is still pending.For example, the Gol Gumbaz Express, running between Bengaluru and Pandharpur, will use AC traction up to Hubballi and then switch to diesel beyond that point due to incomplete electrification. Similarly, tracks in the Bagalkot and Goa directions are yet to be electrified, necessitating diesel operations.

File photo of first MEMU daily special train from Tumakuru to Bengaluru

DID YOU KNOW?

The oldest known wild bird in the world has laid an egg at the ripe age of about 74, her first in four years, US wildlife officials said. The long-winged seabird named Wisdom, a Laysan albatross, returned to Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge at the northwestern edge of the Hawaiian Archipelago and laid what experts estimate may be her 60th egg, the Pacific Region of the US Fish & Wildlife Service said in a Fb post. Wisdom and her mate, Akeakamai, had returned to the atoll in the Pacific Ocean to lay and hatch eggs since 2006. Laysan albatrosses mate for life and lay one egg per year. But Akeakamai has not been seen for several years and Wisdom began interacting with another male when she returned last week, officials said. Wisdom was first banded as an adult in 1956 and has raised as many as 30 chicks, an official said. — **AP**

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Do detox supplements actually help in removing toxins and improving health?

CLAIM: The growing trend of detox diets and supplements claims that your body requires a timely detox to eliminate toxins and improve health; **FACT:** False. The body has its own efficient detoxification system, primarily through organs like the liver, and doesn't require external supplements or products to detoxify

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A growing number of videos (such as this and this) on social media suggest ways to detox your body at home. There are Facebook pages like "2-Hour Detox Masterclasses," and "Detox Support Group" with followers and members running in thousands. Several brands are also selling detoxifying products and so on.

Some websites even sell 'daily detox kits'

"Get rid of the harmful toxins from your body from time to time with the Daily Detox Kit. Consisting of Matcha Green Tea, Daily greens and ACV + Garcinia Cambogia and Pomegranate Effervescent Tablets, this is the best pack of herbal healing you can get your hands on!," reads the product description on this site. Many products claim to "flush out toxins" or "cleanse" specific organs like the liver and intestines.

Do we need daily detox?

Our body doesn't need products to detox as it has an inbuilt detoxification system, Fatimah Zohra, a nutritionist based in Delhi, told First Check. "Our body has an inbuilt detoxification system, especially organs like the liver, which efficiently handle waste removal without the need for external products," she said.

Zohra clarified that, except for individuals with specific health issues like Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) or cirrhosis, a balanced diet and proper hydration are sufficient for detoxification, and additional detox

support is unnecessary. When asked about the potential risks of detox drinks or supplements, Zohra said that overusing those containing herbs or synthetic ingredients, can lead to adverse effects like digestive issues, dehydration, nutrient imbalances and even liver damage. In a 2014 review evaluating commercial detox diets and products.published in The Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics, the authors concluded that there is no clinical evidence to support their claims. They noted that the term "detox" is largely a marketing gimmick used to sell unregulated products.

A 2019 study of 22 women found that a detox supplement containing papaya leaf, cascara sagrada bark, slippery elm bark, peppermint leaf, red raspberry leaf, fenugreek seed, ginger root, and senna leaf (1,350 mg total) provided no measurable health benefits after four weeks. Also, the British Dietetic Association has pointed out that the concept of detox diets is a "marketing myth" and emphasized that the body has its own efficient mechanisms to remove waste and toxins.

Detox drinks or supplements may create the illusion of health benefits, such as weight loss or increased energy, but these effects are often temporary and primarily due to reduced calorie intake or dehydration.

"When people use detox drinks or supplements too frequently, they can disrupt the body's natural processes, leading to dependency or imbalance in gut flora and digestive health," Zohra said. "While some detox products may have temporary benefits, they should not replace a healthy diet and lifestyle." Thus, the claim that the body requires timely detoxification is false and lacks scientific backing. The human body is well-equipped with its own efficient detoxification system.

The story was originally published by First Check (https://firstcheck.in/fact-check-fact-check-do-detox-supplements-actually-help-in-removing-toxins-and-improving-health/) and republished by Bangalore Mirror as part of the Shakti Collective.

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SAFE SPACE

Six ways to make internet safer for women

Women are less likely to protect themselves online because current safety advice does not take full account of their needs – despite women being more at risk from cyber abuse and threats than men. This abuse of women is a growing problem, with one in five reporting they have experienced harm online.

My research with Magdalene Ng from the University of Westminster has identified a gender gap in accessing online safety advice and technology. We found that men are more likely than women to engage with and be informed about security and privacy technologies aimed at keeping people safe online.

We conducted a survey asking more than 600 UK adults (approximately 50% women and 50% men) about their preferred online privacy and security methods. Respondents indicated their preferred approach to keeping informed about online safety, with options including formal training from official bodies, semi-formal advice from webpages, downloading and using cyber safety technology, and getting informal advice from family and friends.

Our findings reveal a significant difference between the way men and women access online safety advice. For example, 76% of women said their go-to approach is asking their family and friends, compared with less than 24% of men. In contrast, 70% of men said they seek this advice from online sources, compared with only 38% of women.

While guidance from family and friends is not necessarily risky, there is no guarantee that they have the skills to provide appropriate information and advice. At the same, our results suggest trusted online sources of digital safety advice are not reaching the majority of women.

The study also found that women are more likely to rely on simple or built-in online protections such as privacy settings, security software updates and strong passwords. By contrast, men participating in the study appear to be more fluent with a wider spectrum of protection methods, including sophisticated technologies such as firewalls, VPNs, anti-spyware, anti-malware, anti-tracking software, and multi-factor authentication.

Our report includes the following recommendations, if we are to make digital safety protection more inclusive of women's needs.

1. Encourage support

Some community NGOs that focus on protecting women and girls, such as End Violence Against Women, have in-depth, first-hand experience of safeguarding women's online safety. They can offer specialised support to women who have encountered online abuse or cyber attacks. These types of support methods tend to be more effective for women, as our study shows women are about twice as likely as men to seek face-to-face advice. By contrast, men more often look up advice online or in books and magazines.

"When a new tech is developed, it's vital to gather different parties with a stake to assess whether it could contribute to gender-based online harm

2. Make advice accessible

Our research suggests that revamping online safety advice so it makes sense to people without technical backgrounds would be helpful. Jargon and technical explanations can put people off, and act as a barrier to the dissemination of sound advice. This also means prioritising the most important pieces of advice, and providing these consistently across the online sources that people use most often. These sources include search engines, online reviews and recommendations, technology company adverts, social media including YouTube and X as well as online forums.

3. Tailor advice to scenarios faced by women

Unfortunately, women disproportionately face many specific online threats such as intimate image abuse, cyberflashing and online harassment. Safety advice in response to such harms is usually provided on the websites of NGOs who support women. However, we need such advice, which is tailored to abuse, to be more widely distributed across the online sources mentioned above.

4. Develop safe online spaces

Safety advice in response to online violence against women and girls is often embedded in the support packages that are given to help victims recover from abuse and trauma, via NGOs. But it is also important to develop new online spaces for communities of women who've experienced abuse to share advice and support for digital safety. This would provide emotional support and trustworthiness in situations where complex harms have taken place, enabling women to help women in an open and accessible way.

5. Empower women and girls with the right skills

Our research suggests there should be greater focus on ensuring women and girls have the right digital skills to understand and take action regarding their online safety. This means making training courses available – these could be offered in schools and local community centres and libraries, via a national effort.

It's also important to design advice and technology that anyone can use to gain optimal protection, irrespective of their skill level and without a cost attached.

6. Analyse risks before releasing new tech

When a new technology or online platform is developed, it's vital to gather different parties with a stake in the issue to assess whether it could contribute to gender-based online harm. Importantly, this should take place before the technology enters public use, rather than only after it has been misused to harm specific users, including women.

This should involve dialogue and collaboration between the government, Ofcom, the technology industry, online platforms, NGOs and research institutions. One example of an equivalent process is the activity and discussion that is occurring around the use and impact of artificial intelligence. Online safety is considered a social good, and equity in this area is advocated by international human rights organisations. We need cooperative action to bring about greater gender equity in online spaces.

(By Kovila P L Coopamootoo, King's College London, The Conversation)

BITS & BYTES

REASONING POWERS

Social media influencers have kicked off a fierce debate over OpenAI's new o3 reasoning model, with some of them raising concerns about its high cost and the potential for overhyping its artificial general intelligence (AGI) capabilities.

Several of them also expressed awe at its impressive performance across various benchmarks, including exceeding human performance on coding and scientific reasoning tasks, according to GlobalData, a leading data and analytics company.

Influencers are particularly captivated by o3's ability to perform complex tasks autonomously, potentially exceeding human capabilities in nearly every cognitive domain, and its demonstration of a 'private chain of thought' approach, allowing for more reliable answers, said Shreyasee Majumder, GlobalData. **IANS**

READY FOR LAUNCH

Blue Origin on Saturday announced that its massive new rocket New Glenn has successfully completed a crucial test, paving the way for its launch.

Known as the hotfire test, it was the first test of the integrated launch vehicle. During the test, the vehicle remained firmly clamped to the launchpad at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.

"The seven-engine hotfire lasted 24 seconds and marked the first time we operated the entire flight vehicle as an integrated system," the Jeff Bezos-owned company said. The hotfire, which was the final major milestone before the first flight, included numerous inert functional and tanking tests. "Next stop launch," said Bezos, while posting a video of the engines firing. **IANS**

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Bank heist: Four arrested for ₹12.5 crore fraud

Thieves used corporate internet banking forms to access account details, faked signatures to siphon funds

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The East CEN police have arrested four individuals, including a relationship manager from a private bank, for defrauding a payment company of ₹12.5 crore. The fraudsters exploited corporate internet banking (CIB) forms—a platform designed for seamless, paperless trade transactions—to execute their plan.

The accused include Vaibhav, a relationship manager at a Rajkot-based private bank; Sailesh, an employee of a finance company; and Neha and Shubham, mule account holders. The scam came to light when the director of a payment application linked to a private bank in Indiranagar filed a complaint about unauthorised transactions.

Upon investigation, the police discovered that Vaibhav had illicitly accessed account details, altered registered mobile numbers and email IDs, and used fake CIB forms with forged signatures to siphon funds. The stolen money was distributed across 17 bank accounts in Gujarat and Rajasthan.

Authorities have recovered ₹1.28 crore in cash and frozen ₹5 lakh in bank accounts. Additionally, fake CIB forms, mobile phones, and other incriminating evidence were seized during the operation.

Wheelie-doers nabbed

The East Traffic Division launched a special operation this year, leading to the seizure of multiple vehicles and the registration of several cases, with a special focus on wheelies. Officials from the Pulakeshinagar and Shivajinagar Traffic Police Stations were on patrol when they identified two individuals performing wheelies on Annaswamy Kandaliar Road and Venkataswamy Naidu Road. The officers stopped the two-wheelers, one of which was being ridden by a minor. The other rider, an adult, was also questioned. Both vehicles were confiscated, and cases were registered against the riders and the vehicle owners for endangering public safety. Further investigation revealed that both riders had consumed drugs prior to performing the dangerous stunts. Blood samples were sent to the hospital for testing, where doctors confirmed the presence of narcotics in their systems. In compliance with the Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act), the minor rider was handed over to the police station concerned, while the adult rider was detained for further legal action.

CRIME FILES

Relationship manager of pvt bank gained illicit access; stolen money distributed across 17 accounts

Assault and theft: 5 arrested

Five men were arrested for assaulting a pedestrian and stealing his mobile phone and cash in Sampigehalli on November 22. The complainant, Vidyadudar, was approached by a stranger in a car when he was walking.

The assailants stopped him, assaulted him, and stole his mobile phone and ₹5,000 in cash. Information from informants led the police to the suspects, who were nabbed along the Saraipalya main road on November 27. The police seized the car used in the crime, a knife, and ₹2,730 in cash, linking the accused to the extortion.

Man murders wife over suspicion

A man, allegedly suspecting his wife of infidelity, bludgeoned her to death with a hammer, at Shubh Apartments near Medahalli on Thursday.

The victim, Mallika Khatoon (33), originally from Bihar, was reportedly attacked during a heated argument with her husband, Mohammed Syed Ansari (40). Ansari, a carpenter by profession, has been arrested by the Attibele police.

Initial reports indicate that the couple often argued, primarily due to Ansari's suspicions about Mallika's fidelity. According to a police official, their disputes also involved issues such as unpaid school fees for their children and other family conflicts. On the day of the incident, an argument escalated, resulting in Ansari fatally striking Mallika on the head with a hammer.

The couple had been living with their three children, two daughters and a son in the apartment complex. Neighbours reported hearing loud arguments from their home in the morning, but the situation turned tragic before help could arrive.

The police have taken Ansari into custody and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the murder.

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I, DEV DARSHAN S/o RAMCHANDRA GUNDECHA, my father name is RAMCHANDER, R/at No. 11/1, 8th Main, Shivanagar, Bangalore North, Rajajinagar, bengaluru-560010, my father has changed his name as RAMCHANDRA GUNDECHA, vide affidavit dt: 28-12-2024 before notary Natesh D, B.lore.

I Raghavendra Nakshathri S/o Ravishankar R/o Flat #405 Grand Monte Vista Apt, Kasavanahalli, Bengaluru-35 has changed my name from Raghavendra Ravishankar Nakshatri to Raghavendra Nakshathri for all future purposes.

I, Bhageratha Rao, S/o Narayana Rao, R/at No.234, 2nd Cross, 8th Main, Railway Mens Employees Layout, Bhavaninagar, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560056 have changed my name to BHAGIRATHA RAO, affidavit dt: 28.12.2024 Notary Devaraja E, Bangalore.

I, Nagesha B T R/o No.851, 9th cross, Muneshwara Lyt, Laggere main road, Bengaluru 560058 have changed my name to Nagesh B T (Nagesh Bommanayakanahalli Thimmashetty) Affidavit Dt.28/12/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, LOURDH KUMAR, father of NETHVIN JOSE, residing at 104, 7th Cross, Pipe Line West, K B Nagar Bengaluru - 560076, have changed my minor son's name from NETHVIN JOSE to NETHVIN JOSE L, vide affidavit dated 21/12/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

I AYESHA W/O MOHAMMED TANSEER B R/at 95/10, 4th Cross, Malik Saheb Road, Opp to Khalandariya Masjid D.J Halli Bangalore -560045 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AYESHA BEGUM BOOBAN, FOR ALL PURPOSES

I, Khetan Narendra R/o No.35, Kaleshwari Complex, Obaiah Lane, Chickpet, Bengaluru 560053 have changed my name to Khetan Narendra Khandelwal Affidavit Dt.28/12/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, POONA RAM, S/o Sukha Ram, R/at No. 75, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross Road, Gangondana halli Main Road, Indiranagar, PO: Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073 have changed my name to PUNARAM, vide affidavit dt: 28-12-2024 before notary Natesh D, B.lore.

I, RENUKA RAVI RAJU, Residing at 156, 3rd Cross, Royal Residency Layout, Arekere, Nyanappanahalli, Bengaluru - 560076, have changed my name to RENUKA KEMPAIAH, vide affidavit dated 21/12/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

I, NIKHIL AMLINANI SRIPATHY NAIDU, Residing at 407/1, 1st A Cross, Vidyapeeta Circle, Bengaluru - 560070, have changed my name to NIKHIL AMILINENI SRIPATHY NAIDU, vide affidavit dated 27/12/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

I, Saiyed Uvays Firoz S/o Saiyed Firoz R/o No.5/45, 23rd main, 3rd A cross, Btm Layout 2nd stage, Bengaluru 560076 have changed my name to Saiyed Uvays Fairoz Affidavit Dt.28/12/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, SUSHMA SHARAN, residing at No. 10, 13th A Cross, 1st Main, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore - 560060 have changed my name to SUSHMA B S, vide affidavit dated 21/12/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

I, B R SATYANARAYANA, Residing at No. 44, Javaraiah Garden, Thyagarajanagar Bengaluru - 560028, have changed my name to B R SATHYANARAYANA, vide affidavit dated 20/12/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

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I, MAHADEVA, residing at No.140, Old No, 327, Binny Pet, New Binny Layout, Bengaluru - 560023, have changed my name to M MAHADEVA, vide affidavit dated 20/12/2024, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

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Lake goes to the gutter

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flowing into the lake," said Rao.

Arnab Mondal, another resident of the areas, said that he visits the lake for a walk on a daily basis and started noticing the trouble a while ago. "I have noticed sewage entering the lake from an adjacent drain.

Many people visit the lake for a walk in the morning and evening. Sewage may become a health hazard for people who visit the lake. I appeal to the authorities to divert sewage entering the lake as early as possible," said Mondal.

The residents said the authorities are not responding to their pleas and complaints on the pollution of water in the lake. "We expected the BBMP Lakes Department to monitor the lake on a regular basis and take measures to preserve it. If the deteriorating condition of the lake is any indication, it seems the authorities concerned are not bothered to save it by taking the right decisions at the right time.

I complained to the BBMP Lakes Department but the authorities are blaming the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) for the pollution of the lake. What is the use of shifting blame instead of fixing the problem?" asks a resident on the condition of anonymity.

BBMP Executive Engineer (Lakes) Nithya told BM that he has already escalated the issue of sewage flowing into the lake with higher authorities. "I have already informed the Special Commissioner (Lakes) on this issue apart from directing the BWSSB engineer to fix the problem. The BWSSB engineer, while laying underground drain pipes, diverted sewage into a drain that has no capacity to carry sewage that was let into it. I have written a letter but am waiting for the office address of the BWSSB engineer concerned," said the BBMP Executive Engineer.

When contacted, BWSSB engineer Ananda S said the diversion drain is under the BBMP's jurisdiction. "I will visit the spot and try my best to do the needful," the engineer said.

HEALTH TIP: Sweet beverages such as sodas and alcohol can easily add calories

Choose a low-calorie cocktail prepared with soda water or lime if you like having something to drink

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Just right for winter

Two millet-based delicacies and one soul-warming soup

SHORBAT PABLO

INGREDIENTS:
- 500g lamb or chicken (cut into pieces)
- 1 cup lentils, rinsed
- 1/2 cup chickpeas, soaked overnight
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 tomatoes, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Salt to taste
- Fresh coriander or mint for garnish
- Olive oil or yogurt (optional, for serving)

METHOD:
- In a large pot, heat a tablespoon of olive oil over medium heat. Add the chopped onion and garlic, and sauté until soft and fragrant, about 5 minutes.
- Add the lamb or chicken pieces and brown them on all sides.
- Stir in the tomatoes, cumin, turmeric, cinnamon stick, and black pepper. Cook for another 2 minutes, letting the spices toast slightly.
- Add the lentils, chickpeas, and about 6 cups of water or broth. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and let simmer for 1.5 to 2 hours, until the meat is tender and the soup has thickened.
- Adjust salt to taste and remove the cinnamon stick before serving.
- Garnish with fresh coriander or mint, and serve hot with a drizzle of olive oil or a dollop of yogurt for added richness.

(Recipe by Shabaz Jalgaonkar, Chef de partie, Bengaluru Marriott Hotel Whitefield)

HEALTHY MILLETS SALAD RECIPE

INGREDIENTS:
- Millets=200gms
- Lemon Juice=1tea Spoon
- Mint =5 To 6(leaves)
- Salt=To Taste
- Honey=2tea Spoon
- Fresh Orange Juice=2 Table Spoon
- Bell Pepper (Red & Yellow) =50gms
- Pomogranate=50gms (Peeled)
- Orange Peeled and Chopped=50gms
- Parsley Chopped=10 To 15 gms
- Water=1 Liter

METHOD:
- Mesaure 1 liter of water in a sauce pan and add 200gms of millet to it.
- Let the mixture boil for 10 to 12 minutes.
- In the meanwhile get ready with above said ingredients.
- Once the millet is cooked stain the water out using the stainer.
- Let the millet be at the room (cooled) temperature
- Once the millet is at room temp add the above ingredients one by one and mix well.
- Place the mixture in the fridge for 30 minutes and serve in the plates with desired toppings with parsley (cherries, berries, fruits & nuts etc)

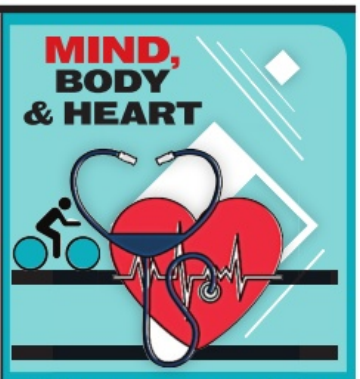
(Recipe by Sous Chef Prem Kumar, Angsana Oasis Spa And Resort)

FINGER MILLETS (RAGI) BAO WITH BROCCOLI STUFFING

INGREDIENTS:
- For Stuffing – Broccoli 80 gm, Ginger 5 gm, Garlic 5 gm, Green chilli chopped 5 gm, Knorr Veg seasoning ¼ tsp, Salt and pepper (To taste)
- For Bao– Maida 70 gm, Finger millets flour 80 gm, Baking powder 5 gm, Yeast 3 gm, castor sugar 15 gm

METHOD:
- For stuffing – Boil broccoli and chop. Then add chopped ginger, garlic, green chilli, knorr seasoning, mix well and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper. Keep aside.
- For Bao – In a mixed bowl add Maida, Finger millets flour, baking powder, sugar and yeast. Put water and knead into a soft dough.
- Keep aside to prove for 30 minutes. Make small balls of 50 gm each and stuff inside with broccoli mixer.
- Keep for 2nd proving for 10 minutes.
- Take a steamer, bring it to the full steam. Now put a banana leaf on the perforated tray and put the Bao for steaming.
- Steam for 5 to 7 minutes, till it becomes spongy.
- Take out and serve with any readymade Chinese sauce of your choice.

(Recipe by Executive Chef Gaurav Paul, Hilton Bangalore Embassy Golflinks



All you need to know about...

Staying single

Medical, monetary advantages
People who prefer to stay single all their life could be at a disadvantage both economically and medically than those who are married or in a long-term relationship, finds a study.

Lesser satisfaction
The study, published in the journal Psychological Science, reveals people who stay single also have lesser satisfaction in life compared to those in relationships. It showed that single people have different personality traits compared to partnered people.

Need networks for singles
These findings point to the need for developing helpful networks catered to single people. This is especially crucial as people get older and may become more reliant on others, said the team from the University of Bremen in Germany.

Age issues
"When there are differences, they might be especially important in elderly people who face more health issues and financial issues," said Julia Stern, one of the lead authors and a senior researcher at the varsity. "They need more help, and the help is usually the partner," she added. In the study, her team compared 77,000 Europeans who are both single and partnered individuals on life satisfaction ratings and the Big Five personality traits -- openness to experience, conscientiousness, extroversion, agreeableness, and neuroticism.

Closed in
In addition to lower life satisfaction scores, lifelong singles were found to be less extroverted, less conscientious, and less open to experience, compared to partnered people. Single women scored higher on life satisfaction than men.

-IANS

 # The Batman, later
Matt Reeves' follow-up to 'The Batman' has been pushed until 2027. The superhero sequel was supposed to open on October 2, 2026

Chapters from 2024

Actress Nimrat Kaur recently reflected on the chapters of 2024 as she prepares to welcome the New Year.

On Saturday, the 'Airlift' actress shared her photos with the caption, "Bookmarking some chapters from the year gone by. A mix of firsts, memories for a lifetime, and raw adventures. But at their core, all carrying shades of love, wonderment, and pure gratitude. Thank you, 2024, for all things quiet, crazy, still, and hazy..."

In the first video, Nimrat is seen sitting on a plane as she records the clip. In another, she is seen inaugurating a memorial in honour of her father on his 72nd birth anniversary. She is also seen ice skating in a separate video.

Nimrat had earlier shared glimpses from her Christmas celebrations, writing in the caption, "Annual Christmas tradition, walking through Ranwar Village with love and lights all around... Merry Christmas, all." In the images, the Lunchbox actress is seen walking through the lanes of Ranwar Village. The streets were beautifully decorated and illuminated as part of the Christmas celebrations. The actress also took the time to interact with the locals in the village.

On the work front, Kaur was last seen in the film "Sajini Shinde Ka Viral Video," where she portrayed the character Bela Barot. The mystery thriller was directed by Mikhil Musale. **-IANS**

Party plan

PC shares meme about what one gains during the holidays

While we have not fully recovered from the Christmas festivities, the New Year is just round the corner, making it almost impossible to stick to our diet plans, and it seems like our favorite celebs are no different. No matter how disciplined a life you lead, most of us like to let go (at least a little) during the holidays, and Priyanka Chopra is doing just that.

Earlier on Friday, she took to her IG stories to share a hilarious meme about weight gain during the holidays. Featuring a young girl,

who is struggling to zip her jeans after a round of bingeing, PC wrote, "Me for the next 2 weeks."

While on Priyanka, SS Rajamouli is all set to make a comeback with his next movie, starring Mahesh Babu, following the massive success of 'RRR', featuring Ram Charan and Jr NTR in 2022. Fans have been eager to learn more about the movie's cast and theme, and reports now claim that Priyanka Chopra will take the female lead alongside Mahesh in this highly anticipated project, tentatively titled 'SSMB29'.

According to Pinkvilla, the African jungle adventure film will feature Mahesh in a role with similarities to Lord Hanuman. The film is set to begin production in April 2025, with Priyanka Chopra playing the female lead.

The source revealed that Priyanka is poised to return to the Indian film industry in SS Rajamouli's upcoming panworld jungle adventure. The film, which is nearing completion of its script, is set to commence production in April 2025. Rajamouli, known for his global storytelling reach, sought a female lead with international acclaim, and Priyanka was the perfect fit. Over the past six months, the director and actress have had multiple discussions, leading to a harmonious collaboration for this high-profile project. **-ETimes**

Top priority

Bollywood star Deepika Padukone will reprise her role in the highly anticipated sequel to the blockbuster sci-fi mythological film 'Kalki 2898 AD'. Playing 'SUM-80', who is revealed to be carrying the child destined to become Kalki, the final avatar of Lord Vishnu. The sequel, 'Kalki 2', is expected to begin filming in the summer of 2025.

Despite her commitment to the film, Deepika has made it clear that her daughter, Dua Padukone Singh, is her top priority. At a recent gathering organized by Deepika and her husband, Ranveer Singh, to introduce Dua to the media, she expressed that she is in no rush to return to work. Deepika shared her desire to raise her daughter herself without relying on a nanny and the same way her mother raised her.

In a previous media interaction, she had said, "I will raise my daughter myself, just the way my mom raised me." The sequel will also feature Amitabh Bachchan and Kamal Haasan in pivotal roles, with Nag Ashwin returning as director. Producers Priyanka and Swapna Dutt revealed that around 30-35% of 'Kalki 2' was filmed during the production of the first part. **-ETimes**

Heart says yes, knees say no

Keanu Reeves, the beloved action star behind the iconic John Wick franchise, has expressed mixed feelings about the possibility of returning for a fifth instalment of the hit series.

While his heart may be willing, his body, specifically his knees, might not be up for the challenge.

As per People magazine, in a recent interview to promote his role as the villain Shadow in 'Sonic the Hedgehog 3', the 60-year-old actor was asked whether he would consider returning for another 'John Wick' film.

His response was candid, revealing the physical toll that playing the iconic assassin has taken over the years.

"You can never say never, but my knees right now are saying, 'You can't do another John Wick,'" Reeves shared, as per People magazine.

Although the actor expressed a deep fondness for the role that has made him a global icon, he admitted that the physical demands of the part are becoming increasingly difficult to handle.

"So my heart wants to, but I don't know if my knees can do it," he said. **-ANI**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Ready for release

The team of Swechcha has been busy with promotional activities. The movie's trailer and audio were released at SRV Preview Theatre recently. The movie, directed by Suresh Raju, is scheduled for release shortly.

Director Suresh Raju has tried to narrate two stories in a parallel manner and also to explain how five characters fight their own battles for freedom. The movie is bankrolled under the Star Mast Victory Arts banner by Star Mastan and KR Murahari Reddy. Two songs were screened at SRV Preview Theatre. Anvish and Pavitra Nayak are the lead pair in the movie.

According to Suresh Raj, Swechcha is about a labourer who falls in love with a girl and how he succeeds in leading a happy married life with her. "The movie has all elements to entertain the audiences. It has two stories - one is set in the backdrop of the 1990s, and the other one is related to the present situation. One story is about the love between a labourer and a girl, the other story is about the bond between a mother and her daughter. The movie has five songs with music by Loki Tavashva," said the director. It was shot in and around Raichur, Boordipadu, Srirangapatana, and Bengaluru.

A movie on Bengaluru

Director R Ananth Raju makes a comeback with Capital City after a gap of two-and-half years. Capital City, bankrolled by like minded people under the Infinity Creations banner, is ready to arrive in theaters next month. "It is my 11th movie. It is a work of fiction. It throws light on how gullible youths have to suffer to eke out a living in the city. It was shot in and Bengaluru for 45 days. The movie has three songs," said the director.

The movie's trailer and songs were launched in the city recently. Rajeev Reddy has played the lead. "The post-production works are completed. The movie got a UA certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification. Rajeev Reddy, apart from bankrolling the movie along with his friends, has acted well," the director said. On the occasion, hero Rajeev Reddy thanked the director for his guidance and cooperation. "The movie belongs to the revenge genre. It showcases how to protect yourself in the city when someone troubles you," Rajeev Reddy said.

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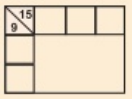
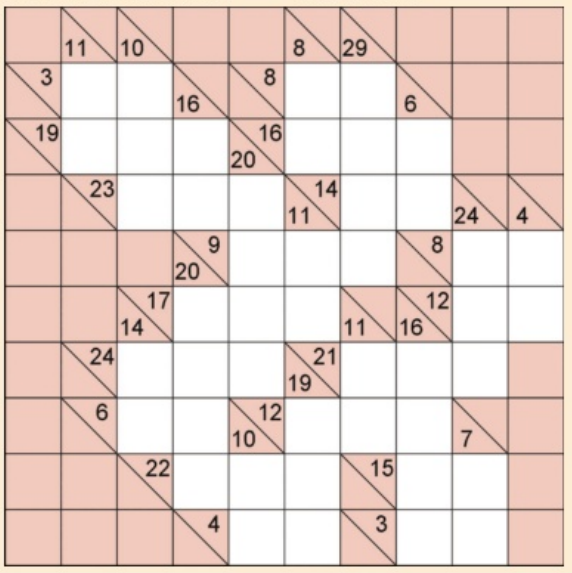
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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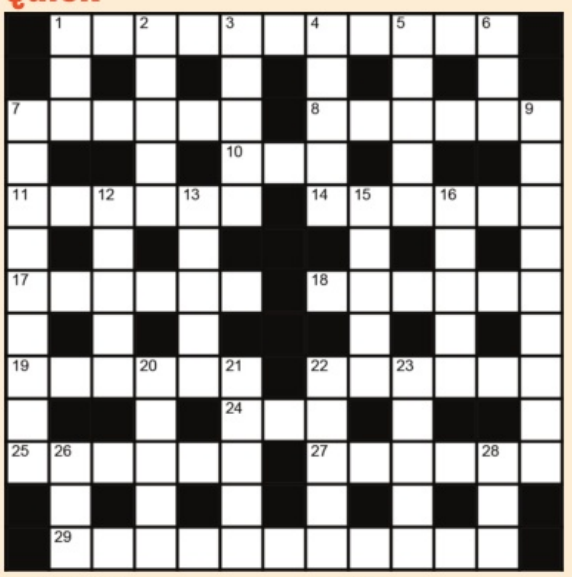


ACROSS

1 Destroyed completely (11)
7 Incendiary liquid (6)
8 Capital of Maharashtra (6)
10 Female sheep (3)
11 A burrowing rodent? (6)
14 Port in SW Russia (6)
17 Salvage or save (6)
18 Clergyman's discourse (6)
19 Divine prophecy (6)
22 Manage with limited resources ? (4,2)
24 Sixteen in Roman numerals (3)
25 Settle in military barracks (6)
27 Close at hand (6)
29 Eternal or endless (11)

DOWN

1 Arab sleeveless garment (3)
2 Welsh town (5)
3 Greek poet (5)
4 Weaker, excuse perhaps (5)
5 Large publications (5)
6 Diameter, in short? (3)
7 National park home to many tigers and elephants (9)
9 List of stock (9)
12 Turkish title (5)
13 At the same level (5)
15 Verdi or Puccini's forte? (5)
16 Valley near Mt Olympus (5)
20 Fad, fashion or frenzy (5)
21 Drive out (5)
22 Less (5)
23 Army colour (5)
26 Vane dir. (3)
28 Quagmire or marsh (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Y EQUALS P

TI XGRCG MXG YCXYNC HX WC QEYYJ, PXBCHTBCP HQCJ QEOC HX HEAC GTPAP. TH'P HGZC HQCPC GTPAP DEI YZH HQCB TI REILCG XM WCTIL QZGH.

Linemaro

Are you always this hot?

Mindchow

The car has become the carapace, the protective and aggressive shell, of urban and suburban man

Joke of the day

A programmer's wife tells him to buy groceries. She says buy bread, and if there are eggs, get a dozen. He comes home with 12 loaves of bread

Loop

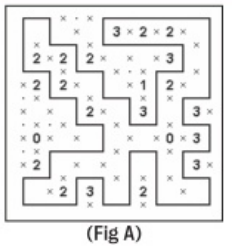
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

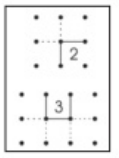
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

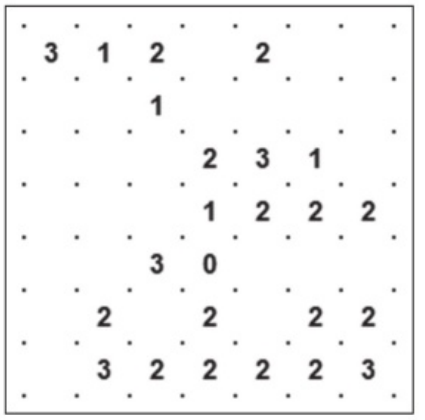
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



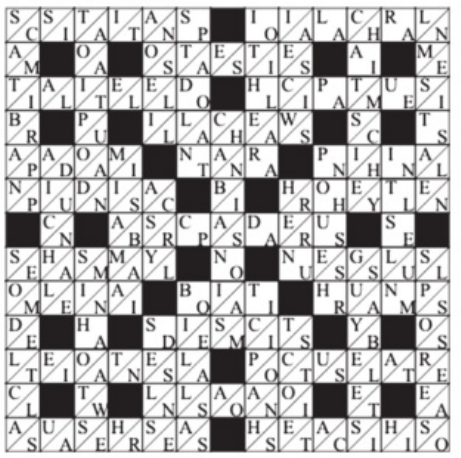
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7	V			
8				
9				

ACROSS

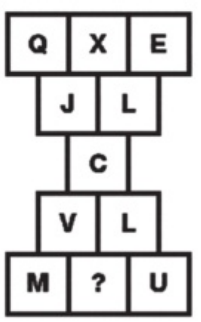
1 F fins; 6 Talon; 7 Love U; 8 Reaps; 9 Sense

DOWN

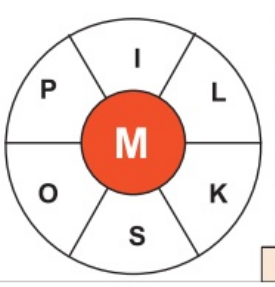
1 Posts; 2 No ave; 3 Run-in; 4 Leafs; 5 Feels

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

					8	9	3	
9		5	2					
1			4		9		7	
6		4				7	1	
				8				
	7	3				8		2
	1		6		2			4
					3	5		9
	5	6	8					

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 11

2 3 3 9

Medium = 48

3 3 6 8

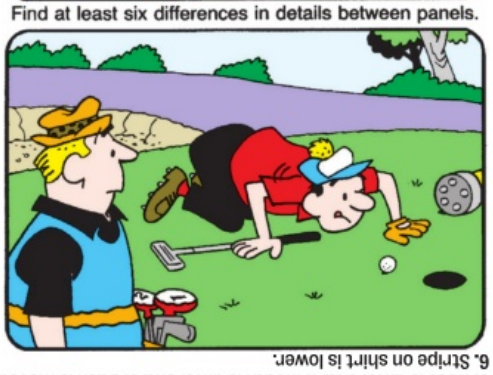
Hard = 35

4 8 8 5

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



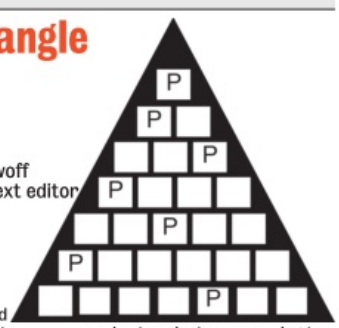
Differences: 1. Golf bag is moved. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Nose is different. 4. Mouth is different. 5. Bush is moved. 6. Stripe on shirt is lower.

Riddler

What does this represent? 13579U

Alpha triangle

1 Parking sign
2 Dad
3 Gentle knock
4 Fuel source
5 Not live
6 Professorial showoff
7 Windows' basic text editor



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"It's not fair to blame my husband for everything. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, I blame my parents."
"He's burned out from too much activity. He did the Chicken Dance at my sister's wedding 8 months ago."
"Stanley is the best husband in the whole world, during commercials."
"I'm in great shape. Tearing open a bag of potato chips tones and firms 13 different muscles!"
"I do so pay attention to you! I linked to you from my Web page, didn't I?"
BABY BLUES
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
ARE YOU OKAY?
JUST TIRED
BAP!!
eeeeee!!!
I WOULD LOVE TO JUST SPEND SOME TIME ALONE TONIGHT.
I GET IT.
AND I CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN FOR YOU.
FOR REAL?
I'LL SHOW YOU A SECRET SPOT I DISCOVERED A LONG TIME AGO.
AND I CAN BE ALL ALONE?
TRUST ME. NOBODY WILL COME WITHIN TWENTY FEET OF YOU HERE.
NOT WHAT I HAD IN MIND!
WITHOUT THE SHIP, WE'RE NOT GOING TO SURVIVE OUT HERE FOR VERY LONG.
WERE YOU ABLE TO SEND OUT A DISTRESS CALL?
IT WAS SENT...
...THERE'S JUST NO WAY OF KNOWING IF IT WAS RECEIVED.
FLASH GORDON
1-8 BY JIM KEEFE
HEARING WORD OF FLASH'S DISTRESS CALL, DALE HURRIES TO THE CONTROL ROOM IN KING BARIN'S CASTLE.
HERE'S WHERE WE LOST CONTACT WITH FLASH'S SHIP, SIRE. IT'S UNKNOWN TERRAIN. THE SURROUNDING POPULACE AVOIDS IT LIKE THE PLAGUE.
SEND OUT A SEARCH TEAM IMMEDIATELY.
I'M GOING, TOO!
I'M SORRY, DALE, BUT IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION.
I'M NOT ASKING, BARIN. I'M TELLING YOU. I'M GOING ON THAT SHIP!
DALE, LISTEN TO ME. I KNOW WHAT FLASH MEANS TO YOU, BUT IT'S JUST TOO DANGEROUS. I WON'T ALLOW IT!
SIGH
I...I UNDERSTAND.
I UNDERSTAND THERE'S NO USE ARGUING WITH YOU.
RECONNAISSANCE TEAM...REPORT TO LAUNCH PAD TWO.
T. MINUS TEN MINUTES AND COUNTING...
SYSTEMS READY. PREPARE FOR LIFTOFF.
HOLD ON, MY DARLING. I'M ON MY WAY!
NEXT: THE HUNTED!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may find yourself busy at work. With your strong network's help, your plans will likely succeed. Your wisdom could lead to profits from past investments. You'll also enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, bringing harmony to your domestic life. Lovebirds will experience happy times together.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Blessed by the moon today, you may feel a sense of happiness. The difficulties of last week are now behind you, and with this blessing, your hard work may begin to bear fruit. With the support of your subordinates, you can resume your postponed tasks. Gains in your business may help boost your finances.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel dull and experience some health issues. It's advisable to postpone any new business investments and avoid starting new ventures for the time being. Your business may experience losses, and gains could turn into setbacks.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel enthusiastic, which will speed up the progress of your projects. Quick decision-making could lead to business growth. However, investing in fixed assets with business partners is not recommended today.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Blessed by a positive moon, today you may feel healthy, and any past health issues could be resolved. You may also recover money that was previously stuck. You might consider applying for a loan to purchase luxury items.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you're blessed by Jupiter, which brings you confidence. You will be decisive and ready to take important steps without hesitation. You might spend money on family and friends. Lovebirds will enjoy happy moments together, and job seekers may find a suitable position with the help of friends.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel a bit down and lack enthusiasm. Arrogance could affect both your professional and domestic life. Internally, you may experience a lack of confidence, which could prevent you from taking creative actions at work.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel energetic and perform efficiently at work. Your hard work could pay off, boosting your confidence. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved. A meeting with an influential person could expand your network.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Blessed by the moon today, you may feel happy. You are likely to receive a large order with the help of your excellent communication skills. Your polite nature will help you build good relationships with those around you, and with the help of colleagues, you may make difficult decisions in your business.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Blessed by the moon today, you will experience vitality and enjoy your work. You'll share romantic moments with your spouse, which will enhance domestic harmony. You may also make new plans to start a project, and your perfectionism will help you design an effective flowchart. Job seekers are likely to find a suitable job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions about trivial matters.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may not feel your best, as old health issues may resurface, causing some frustration. Impatience could lead to hasty decisions, so it's best to think carefully before making any choices. Avoid unnecessary spending, as you may be tempted to purchase things that aren't needed.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Blessed by the moon today, you may experience happiness and good fortune. You may see strong gains from past investments. You'll be able to make quick decisions at work, which will lead to positive results shortly.

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER
The odds are against you. All of the odd single-digit numbers are lined up next to the letter u, representing the word you.

QUOTE UNCODE
In order for people to be happy, sometimes they have to take risks. It's true these risks can put them in danger of being hurt.

BULL'S EYE jimp, milk, MILKSOP, skim, skimp, slim

SOLVE IN 1M
$\sqrt{(1+8+27)}=\sqrt{36}=6$

FAST FIVE

S	N	I	F	F
T	O	N	A	L
O	V	U	L	E
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S	E	N	E	S

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
D. Start with the C at the centre of the diagram and follow 2 sequences of letters, both clockwise from the C, one around the upper half of the alphabet through the adVance in the upper half. Letters in the lower half. Letters at a time, and one around the lower half advance in steps of 9.

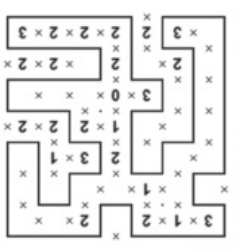
SUDOKU

3	5	6	8	9	4	1	2	7
8	4	2	7	1	3	5	6	9
7	1	9	6	5	2	3	8	4
5	7	3	1	4	6	8	9	2
2	9	1	3	8	7	4	5	6
6	8	4	9	2	5	7	1	3
1	6	8	4	3	9	2	7	5
9	3	5	2	7	1	6	4	8
4	2	7	5	6	8	9	3	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Pa, Tap, Peat, Taped, Pedant, Notepad.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 2 − 3 + 9 = 11
Medium
5 − 3 + 6 x 8 = 48
Hard
4 x 8 − 5 + 8 = 35

LOOP



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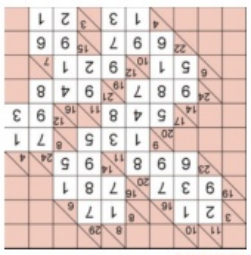

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